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SUBJ: THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION IN UNC (REAR)

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1. SUMMARY: FONMIN MIYAZAWA SAYS GOJ WOULD GREATLY WELCOME PARTICIPATION OF AUSTRALIANS IN UNC (REAR). END SUMMARY.

2. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR SHANN CALLED ON FONMIN JULY 17 TO SOLICIT GOJ VIEWS ON POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNC(REAR). SHANN INFORMED DCM THAT MIYAZAWA SAID GOJ WOULD GREATLY WELCOME PARTICIPATION BY SMALL NUMBER OF AUSTRALIANS IN UNC(REAR). MIYAZAWA SAID THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD BE COMPLETELY WITHIN SPIRIT OF RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

3. ACCORDING TO SHANN, MIYAZAWA SAW TWO ADVANTAGES TO CONTINUATION OF UN SOFA: (1) IT WOULD AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF ANY DIMINUTION OF THE UN ROLE WITH RESPECT TO KOREA, (2) IT COULD HAVE LONG TERM VALUE WITH RESPECT TO CONTINGENCIES IN KOREA. THESE ADVANTAGES OUGHT NOT TO BE PUT INTO LEGAL JEOPARDY.

4. MIYAZAWA EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT OPPOSITION WOULD MAKE ISSUE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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TINUATION OF UN SOFA. HE DID HOWEVER CAUTION THAT AUSTRALIANS SHOULD

AVOID PUBLICITY IF THEY DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN UNC(REAR).

5. AMBASSADOR SHANN TOLD DCM THAT HE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT IT PARTICIPATE. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY SAID THAT MATTER IS UNDER URGENT CONSIDERATION IN CANBERRA AND THAT A DECISION IS EXPECTED PRIOR TO FONMIN DEPARTURE FOR US SOMETIME THIS WEEK.

6. COMMENT: SHANN IMPLIED THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO BE CITED AS A SOURCE OF MIYAZAWA'S VIEWS. NEVERTHE LESS THIS DOES PROVIDE AUTHORITY BASIS FOR ASSERTING HIGH LEVEL GOJ INTERESTS IN CONTINUATION OF UN SOFA AND REQUISITE THIRD COUNTRY PARTICIPATION.
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